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INFORMATION REPORT

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1. In mid-March 1953, the Chinese Communists completed the following defense works on Ch'ungming Island:
 - a. Weather observatory at Ch'enchiachen (N 31-30, E 121-48) which exchanged weather reports, via telephone, with Shanghai.
 - b. Reinforced concrete observation tower 100 meters high at Ch'enchiachen which permitted unobstructed observation of vessel movements at the mouth of the Yangtze River.
 - c. Four permanent, long-range guns at Ch'enchiachen.
 - d. Semi-permanent defense works, fortresses, and artillery positions along the northeast shore of Chungmingtao.
 - e. Dredging and reconstruction of Paochen (1027/6966) Harbor, which will enable 3000 ton ships to anchor within the harbor.
2. On 2 April, Chinese Communist air defense units consisting of two anti-aircraft gun battalions¹ (chung-tui, 0022/7130) and one searchlight platoon (Fen-tui, 0433/7130) arrived in Shanghai from Nanking. In mid-April, these units were based in Wusung (N 31-22, E 121-31). The units were supplied new Soviet-made equipment including electrically controlled anti-aircraft guns capable of a high degree of accuracy. During 15-17 April, the units conducted daily firing exercises from 1300-2000 hours.² The firing was audible to Shanghai residents.

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1. Probably "batteries" is intended.

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2. [REDACTED] combined defense exercises
were being conducted in the Shanghai area at this time.

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